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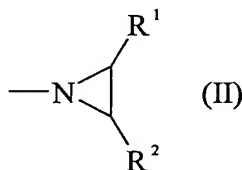
**THE FOLLOWING ARE THE ENGLISH TRANSLATION
OF ANNEXES TO THE INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY
EXAMINATION REPORT (ARTICLE 34):**

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ART 34 AMDT

We claim:

1. A composition comprising at least one polyfunctional aziridine compound and 1,4-diazabicyclo[2.2.2]octane.
2. A composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the polyfunctional aziridine compound contains at least two structural units of the formula (II)



where R^1 and R^2 , independently of one another, are each a hydrogen atom or an unfunctionalized or functionalized alkyl, alkenyl, aryl or aralkyl radical.

3. A composition as claimed in claim 1 or 2, which additionally comprises a polar, unreactive solvent.
4. A composition as claimed in any of claims 1 to 3, wherein the content of 1,4-diazabicyclo[2.2.2]octane is from 0.1 to 10% by weight, based in each case on the composition, and/or the content of solvent is from 1 to 50% by weight, based in each case on the composition.
5. A composition as claimed in any of claims 1 to 4, wherein the polyfunctional aziridine compound is selected from the group consisting of the Michael adducts of unsubstituted or substituted ethylenimine with α,β -unsaturated carboxylic esters of polyhydric alcohols and the adducts of unsubstituted or substituted ethylenimine with polyisocyanates.
6. A process for the preparation of a composition as claimed in any of claims 1 to 5, comprising the following process steps:

(a) provision of a mixture of unsubstituted or substituted ethylenimine and 1,4-diazabicyclo[2.2.2]octane;

(b) addition of at least one polyhydric alcohol esterified with α,β -unsaturated carboxylic acids and/or of at least one polyisocyanate.

7. A process as claimed in claim 6, wherein the alcohol is selected from the group consisting of trimethylolpropane, neopentylglycol, glycerol, pentaerythritol, 4,4'-isopropylidenediphenol and 4,4'-methylenediphenol.

8. A process as claimed in claim 6 or 7, wherein the α,β -unsaturated carboxylic acid is selected from the group consisting of acrylic and methacrylic acid, crotonic acid and cinnamic acid.

9. A process as claimed in claim 6, wherein the polyisocyanate is selected from the group consisting of hexamethylene diisocyanate, 4,4'-methylenebis(phenyl isocyanate) and 1,3,5-tris(ω -hexamethyleneisocyanato)biuret.

10. A composition obtainable by a process as claimed in any of claims 6 to 9.

11. The use of a composition as claimed in any of claims 1 to 5 or 10 as a curing component for formulations in the area of leather treatment, of coatings, of textile printing and of surface coatings.

12. The use of 1,4-diazabicyclo[2.2.2]octane for stabilizing aziridine-containing compounds and compositions.

13. A leather treatment composition, coating composition, textile printing composition or surface coating, comprising a composition as claimed in any of claims 1 to 5 or 10 as a curing component.